

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims, including those in the First Preliminary Amendment, in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~SrRuO₃ conductive oxide~~ sintered body, comprising ~~characterized in that the~~ a SrRuO₃ conductive oxide sintered body containing 0.5mol to 1.2mol of Bi₂O₃ and having a relative density is of 93% or more.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A conductive oxide sintered body according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sintered body has a resistivity is of 500 μ Ω cm or less.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A conductive oxide sintered body according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sintered body has a resistivity is of 300 μ Ω cm or less.

Claims 4-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A sputtering target, comprising ~~formed from~~ a SrRuO₃ conductive oxide sintered body ~~characterized in that the~~ containing 0.5mol to 1.2mol of Bi₂O₃ and having a relative density is of 93% or more.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A sputtering target ~~formed from a conductive oxide sintered body~~ according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sputtering target has a resistivity is of 500 μ Ω cm or less.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A sputtering target ~~formed from a conductive oxide sintered body~~ according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sputtering target has a resistivity is of $300 \mu \Omega\text{cm}$ or less.

Claims 9-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A manufacturing method of a SrRuO_3 conductive oxide sintered body or a sputtering target formed from said sintered body, ~~characterized in that~~ 0.3mol comprising the step of adding 0.5mol to 1.2mol of Bi_2O_3 is added as a sintering auxiliary upon manufacturing the SrRuO_3 conductive oxide sintered body.

Claims 12-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (new): A method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of sintering at a temperature of 1400 to 1700°C upon manufacturing the SrRuO_3 conductive oxide sintered body.